

**BOARD OF ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MINUTES OF MEETING
MAY 5, 2014 – REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Island County Commissioners (including Diking Improvement District #4) met in Regular Session on May 5, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Hearing Room (Room # 102B), Annex Building, 1 N.E. 6th Street, Coupeville, Washington. Jill Johnson, Chair, Kelly Emerson, Member, and Helen Price Johnson, Member were present. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: To view the video recording of this meeting, go to the County's website or directly to the video. If you are interested only in a specific topic, click on the timestamp located on the agenda for that particular issue to hear the discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT OR COMMENTS

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Public input or comments were offered by:

- Carol Wilkerson
- Reece Rose

CONSENT AGENDA

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Pre-audited bills:	\$559,071.39
Vouchers:	\$650,953.27
Electronic funds transfers:	\$ 860.35
Payroll:	\$560,224.94
Minutes:	Work Session - April 9, 2014

Human Services

- Let's Draw the Line Grant with WA State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery, to provide funding for Community Assessment of Neighborhood Stores surveys in the Oak Harbor Community. DSHS Agreement No. 1463-11251; Amount: \$1,000 (RM-HS-2014-121)
- Contract Amendment No. 1 with Sea Mar for chemical dependency treatment services. Contract No. HS-54-13(1); Amount: \$337,241 (RM-HS-2014-99)

Public Works- County Roads

Retainage Bond – Trimaxx Construction, Inc.; Woodland Beach Road Slide Repair; CRP 13-04, JL 00098

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Price Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 3-0

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REGULAR AGENDA

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Commissioners

Resolution C-52-14 Proclaiming the Month of May 2014 Community Action Month in Island County

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Emerson to adopt Resolution C-52-14 Proclaiming the Month of May 2014 Community Action Month in Island County, second by Commissioner Price Johnson. Motion carried 3-0.

Resolution C-53-14 Proclaiming the Month of May 2014 Older Americans Month in Island County

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Price Johnson to adopt Resolution C-53-14 Proclaiming the month of May 2014 Older Americans Month in Island County, second by Commissioner Emerson. Motion carried 3-0

Discussion: Opening County Offices to the Public Monday through Friday
(Handout provided and on file with the Clerk of the Board – Cost Estimates)

Elaine Marlow, Budget Director and Melanie Bacon, Human Resources Director, provided the staff report. Based on the recommendations presented, staff was directed to begin conversations with the local unions and prepare a proposed resolution for consideration at the following Monday meeting. The resolution once approved would be effective 30 days from adoption.

Public comments were offered by:

- Carol Wilkerson

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

[Documents on file with the Clerk of the Board]

Planning & Community Development

Ordinance C-40-14 (PLG-002-14) Amending Island County Code Chapter 17.03, Development Regulations for Marijuana Production, Processing and Retail as Authorized under State Law (I-502). The public hearing was continued to May 5 to incorporate final changes and the Board's Findings. *(Continued from April 21)*

Commissioner Emerson, after expressing her belief that this issue is not in the best interest of the community, moved to ban marijuana production and sales in Island County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. After Commissioner Price Johnson voiced her concern over the unexpected lack of process, she urged the Board to move forward with the public hearing as advertised. Motion was withdrawn.

David Wechner, Planning & Community Development Director, provided the staff report in response to questions from the Board.

Public comments were offered by:

- William Bratsher
- Rufus Rose
- Carol Wilkerson
- Rockie Eggebrecht
- Dan Vorhis

There being no additional testimony, the public hearing was closed.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Price Johnson to adopt Ordinance C-40-14 (PLG-002-14) Amending Island County Code Chapter 17.03, Development Regulations for Marijuana Production, Processing, and Retail as Authorized under State Law (I-502) with clarifying language as underlined:

17.03.180.BB(2) – Land Development Standards

Marijuana Processors, and those making Marijuana-infused Products as defined in WAC 314-55 shall meet the land use standards of this Chapter and be subject to the following application procedures and standards:

....

- b) Minimum lot dimension on any property(s) to be used for processing shall be an average of 275 feet in distance between any parallel or opposite lot lines.***

Commissioner Emerson offered an alternative motion instead that staff be instructed to prepare and bring forward to the Board a resolution banning marijuana production and sales in Island County.

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Both motions died for lack of a second.

The Board recessed at 10:57 a.m., reconvening at 11:12 a.m.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Price Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to adopt Ordinance C-40-14 (PLG-002-14) Amending Island County Code Chapter 17.03, Development Regulations for Marijuana Production, Processing, and Retail as Authorized under State Law (I-502) with clarifying language as underlined:

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Motion carried 2-1 (Commissioner Emerson opposed)

While Commissioner Johnson remains concerned about this industry, she holds higher and supports the public and transparent process the citizens deserve.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board members provided their respective comments and announcements.

Commissioner Emerson announced her resignation as District 3 Commissioner effective Friday May 9, 2014. Prior to its conclusion, she left the meeting at 11:20 am.

Executive Session Announced

The Board will recess then meet in Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. as provided under RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) for acquisition of real estate. The Executive Session will take place in the Commissioners' Office, Conference Room 218, and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. No announcement in open public session is anticipated.

ACTION TAKEN:

Motion by Commissioner Price Johnson to recess until 11:30 a.m., second by Commissioner Johnson. Motion carried 2-0

The meeting recessed at 11:27 a.m.

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At approximately 11:30 a.m. the Board reconvened Regular Session and immediately went into Executive Session as provided under 42.30.110(1)(b). At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Johnson returned to open session to announce that an additional twenty minutes would be needed for Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. following Executive Session. The Board will meet next in Regular Session on Monday May 12, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Jill Johnson, Chair

Kelly Emerson, Member – Absent when signed

Helen Price Johnson, Member

ATTEST:

Debbie Thompson
Clerk of the Board